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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Executory Transfer and Sale of Property

Docket No: 2018-142-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as notification that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not oppose the Joint Application submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"), Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP"), and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") (collectively, "Companies") filed in the above referenced Docket.

The Companies seek to participate in the Regional Equipment Sharing for Transmission Outage Restoration ("RESTORE") program. In order to participate, the Companies are requesting approval from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for the executory transfer of electric transformers and other critical transmission-related equipment with a fair market value of greater than one million, as provided for by the agreement governing the RESTORE program.

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ORS recommends that, upon the transfer of any assets under this agreement, the Companies be required to immediately provide the proposed bookkeeping entries to ORS for review, and after such review, the bookkeeping entries be provided to the Commission for approval.

The Companies' request in this docket will not involve a change to any retail rates or prices at this time or require any change in any Commission rule, regulation, or policy nor will the issuance of the requested accounting order prejudice the right of any party to address the prudency of these costs in DEC's, DEP's, or SCE&G's next general rate case proceeding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)